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House Committee on Insurance

H 1779 \*\*GENERAL BILL by Insurance; (CO-SPONSORS) Berfield (Compare CS/2ND ENG/S 2588)

Insurance Agents; deletes resident agent requirement for certain property, casualty, & surety insurers; requires surplus lines agents to comply with consumer protection laws; requires nonresident licensees to complete continuing education courses re ethics & unauthorized entities engaging in insurance business; provides requirements for licensure of nonresident surplus lines agents, etc. Amends Ch. 626, 624.425,.426. Effective Date: 07/01/2004.

04/22/04 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar; Substituted CS/SB 2588; Laid on Table, Link/Iden/Sim/Compare passed, refer to CS/SB 2588 (Ch. 2004-374) -HJ 00665

S 2588 GENERAL BILL/CS/2ND ENG by Banking and Insurance; Diaz de la Portilla (Compare H 0557, H 0617, 1ST ENG/H 0639, 1ST ENG/H 1433, H 1687, H 1779, CS/CS/S 1708, CS/1ST ENG/S 1848, CS/CS/2ND ENG/S 2038, CS/S 2070, CS/CS/2ND ENG/S 2270, S 2366, CS/CS/S 2800, CS/CS/2ND ENG/S 2994, CS/S 3024)

Insurance; deletes resident agent requirement for certain property, casualty, & surety insurers; provides requirements for licensure of nonresident surplus lines agents; limits types of business that may be transacted by personal lines agents; authorizes certain domiciliary courts to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over certain persons; voids certain contractual arbitration provisions by insurers in receivership, etc. Amends FS. Effective Date: 07/01/2004.

04/29/04 SENATE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -SJ 01352

06/16/04 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor

06/24/04 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2004-374; See also HB 639 (Ch. 2004-89), CS/CS/SB 2038 (Ch. 2004-370), CS/CS/SB 2994 (Ch. 2004-390)

H 1821 \*\*GENERAL BILL by Insurance; (CO-SPONSORS) Berfield; Murzin (Compare 1ST ENG/H 1357, 1ST ENG/H 1639, S 2948)

Medical Negligence; expands hospital's authority to discipline members of medical staff of hospital; requires medical negligence claims against certain health care providers to be brought under medical malpractice provisions; deletes requirement that medical malpractice policies authorize insurer to admit liability or settle without consent of insured; prohibits solicitation of specified legal business for profit, etc. Amends FS. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

03/25/04 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar; Retained on Calendar

04/30/04 HOUSE Died on Calendar

H 1357 GENERAL BILL/1ST ENG by Simmons; (CO-SPONSORS) Brummer; Fiorentino;

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- H 1357 (Continued)  
Goodlette; Green; Harrell (Compare H 1821)  
Attorney Practices; prohibits solicitation of legal business for profit; provides criminal penalties; prohibits attorneys from advertising services for business for profit unless permitted by law; provides definition for term "solicit"; prohibits attorneys from initiating contact for purpose of soliciting legal business for profit; provides civil penalties; provides for equitable relief; provides construction. Amends 877.02. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.  
03/31/04 SENATE Received, referred to Judiciary; Criminal Justice -SJ 00464  
04/07/04 SENATE On Committee agenda-- Judiciary, 04/12/04, 2:45 pm, 110-S --Temporarily postponed  
04/30/04 SENATE Died in Committee on Judiciary
- H 1639 GENERAL BILL/1ST ENG by Llorente; (CO-SPONSORS) Homan; Planas; Rivera; Zapata (Compare H 1821, S 2948)  
Sovereign Immunity; specifies nonapplicability to certain affiliation agreements or contracts to provide certain comprehensive health care services protected by sovereign immunity; includes under sovereign immunity protection provisions certain colleges, universities, & medical schools providing comprehensive health care services to patients at public hospitals under certain circumstances, etc. Amends 766.1115, 768.28. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.  
04/27/04 SENATE In Messages; Received, referred to Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; Judiciary; Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Appropriations -SJ 01186  
04/30/04 SENATE Died in Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care
- S 2948 GENERAL BILL by Margolis (Compare 1ST ENG/H 1639, H 1821)  
Sovereign Immunity/Medical Schools; provides sovereign immunity to certain colleges, universities, & medical schools that provide patient services to publicly-funded patients in public hospitals & to employees of those entities; provides definitions. Effective Date: 07/01/2004.  
04/07/04 SENATE On Committee agenda-- Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care, 04/12/04, 5:00 pm, 412-K --Temporarily postponed  
04/14/04 SENATE On Committee agenda-- Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care, 04/19/04, 1:45 pm, 412-K --Temporarily postponed  
04/30/04 SENATE Died in Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care
- H 1983 \*\*GENERAL BILL by Insurance; (CO-SPONSORS) Berfield (Similar CS/CS/CS/CS/2ND ENG/S 2488)

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## House Committee on Insurance (Continued)

H 1983 \*\* (Continued)

Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund; redefines & defines terms; provides for State Board of Administration to specify interest due on delinquent remittances; revises conditions of, amounts of, & procedures re reimbursement contracts; revises maximum rates of, & procedures re, emergency assessments; revises provisions re reinsurance; deletes expired provisions. Amends 215.555. Effective Date: Upon becoming law except as otherwise provided.

04/28/04 HOUSE Placed on Special Order Calendar; Substituted CS/CS/CS/CS/SB 2488; Laid on Table, Link/Iden/Sim/Compare passed, refer to CS/CS/CS/CS/SB 2488 (Ch. 2004-27) -HJ 00931

S 2488 GENERAL BILL/CS/CS/CS/CS/2ND ENG by Appropriations; Finance and Taxation; Governmental Oversight and Productivity; Banking and Insurance; Alexander (Similar H 1983)

Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund; redefines & defines terms; provides for State Board of Administration to specify interest due on delinquent remittances; revises conditions of, amounts of, & procedures re reimbursement contracts; revises maximum rates of, procedures relating to, & types of insurance subject to emergency assessments; provides transitional provisions; provides application & criteria, requirements & limitations, etc. Amends 215.555. Effective Date: 05/11/2004 except as otherwise provided.

04/30/04 SENATE Ordered engrossed, then enrolled -SJ 01452  
05/07/04 Signed by Officers and presented to Governor  
05/11/04 Approved by Governor; Chapter No. 2004-27

H 1999 \*\*GENERAL BILL/1ST ENG by Insurance; (CO-SPONSORS) Adams; Antone; Berfield; Bowen; Carroll; Cretul; M. Davis; Domino; Fiorentino; A. Gibson; H. Gibson; Gottlieb; Hasner; Holloway; Homan; Llorente; Murzin; Planas; Quinones; Richardson; Ritter; Sobel; Wishner; Zapata

Workers' Comp. for First Responders; revises provisions re compensation for occupational diseases & repetitive exposure to provide exception for first responders; provides that certain conditions re smallpox vaccinations are an injury by accident arising out of employment for purposes of certain provisions; provides conditions for compensation for first responders for cases involving mental or nervous injuries, etc. Amends Ch. 440. Effective Date: Upon becoming law.

04/30/04 HOUSE Passed as amended; YEAS 114 NAYS 4 -HJ 01164  
04/30/04 SENATE In Messages; Died in Messages